GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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DELAY IN PURCHASE OF SUBMARINES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any inordinate delay in purchase of submarines;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such inordinate delay in purchase of submarines will hit our preparedness; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to meet nation's requirement?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Government had approved a long term Perspective Plan for the indigenous construction of submarines and acquisition of national competence in submarine building. Acordingly, plans exist for the acquisition of submarines.

(c) Presently the available submarines are maintained and operated to meet the operational requirements of the Navy.

(d) The existing submarines are provided midlife update to extend their service life.